

Happenings H₂O Observations

A Quarterly Publication of the WATER Center

The WATER Center is a project of the City of Wichita's Department of Environmental Services

Exhibit Plans for 2009—2010

Visitors to the WATER Center will have noticed the gradual addition of the permanent education exhibits and signs to the Center's learning room. There is more to come!

The WATER Center has been awarded a Kansas Health Foundation Recognition Grant that will fund a display dedicated to Community Water Stewardship. Look for the new display to be installed by 2010.

Senior Wednesdays

First Wednesdays—1:30 PM
Active Adults - No registration needed

January 7: *Energy Efficiency*, by Westar Representative: Learn some simple tips for making your home more energy efficient.

February 4: *Water in the Solar System*, by WSU's Greg Novacek: Discover where water came from, the evidence for water on Mars, and the role of water (in the form of ice) in the outer part of the solar system.

March 4: *Watercolors*, by Charles Baughman of Monart: We will be making fine art using watercolors and water from the Center's treatment plant.

Meetings & Events

Visitors are welcome to attend any of the following public meetings held each month at the WATER Center.

January

- 7th **District III Advisory Board**
7:00-9:00 PM
- 12th **Arkansas River Coalition**
6:00-9:00 PM

February

- 4th **District III Advisory Board**
6:30-9:30 PM

March

- 4th **District III Advisory Board**
6:30-9:30 PM
- 9th **Arkansas River Coalition**
6:00-9:00 PM

FISH FEEDINGS

Every Monday and Friday
3:00 PM

Learning Center is Open From:
1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Closed Holidays

The WATER Center
101 E. Pawnee
is located in
Herman Hill Park

Open daily sunrise to sunset
18-hole disc golf course
Accessible trails
Playground equipment
Picnic areas

**Skateboarding, swimming and fishing
are prohibited**



101 E. Pawnee
Wichita, KS 67211

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Bald Eagle to
be release
Saturday,
February 7th.

Call for more
information!

Spring Programs

Droplets 0-6 years old

FISH TALES

FREE

Second Tuesdays of every month

10:00 AM

No registration needed

Join the WATER Center staff for story time and a nature surprise! This program is designed for Pre-K aged children, but all are welcome to attend.

January 13th: Water by Frank Asch

Activity: We'll take a journey as a water drop (with the help of our grown-up) and make a souvenir.

February 10th: Otters Under Water by Jim

Arnosky. Activity: Head out on the trail to peek at what is swimming in the creek.

March 10th: The Water Hole by Graeme

Base. Activity: Peek under rocks and logs in the creek!

Minnows 6-8 years old

FANCY FINS

\$2.00

Friday, March 20, 2009, 10-11 AM

Pre-registration Required

Get creative! We'll pull out all of our art supplies to create some beautiful GIANT fish for you take home.

**Spring
Break
Programs**

Water Rangers 9-12 years old

WHAT MAKES A FISH? \$5.00

Tuesday, March 18, 2009, 10 AM—12 PM

Pre-registration Required

Explore and understand fish and their habitats using the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services' Biologist-in-Training program.



Aquatic Interns 13-18 years old

SERVICE LEARNING

FREE

Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 2-4 PM

Wear clothes that can get wet and dirty

Pre-registration Required

This is an opportunity for Aquatic Interns to work directly with WATER Center staff on care of the aquatic displays. We will learn how to collect food by seining the creek and potentially the river. And we will also learn how the displays are maintained and cleaned.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

**Registration Will Close
3 Days Before the Program Date**

Participant Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

If Under 18, what age: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Date	Program	Fee
February 13	YVD	\$0
March 16	YVD	\$0
March 17	Service Learning	\$0
March 18	What makes...?	\$5
March 20	Fancy Fins	\$2
March 20	YVD	\$0
April 10	YVD	\$0

TOTAL _____

Mail Registration to:

**PROGRAMS, WATER Center,
101 E. Pawnee, Wichita, KS 67211**

YOUTH VOLUNTEER DAYS

Pre-registration required—Class limit 10

Youth ages 8-15 are invited to participate in Youth Volunteer Days. When possible, Youth Volunteer Days are scheduled to coincide with USD 259 district in-service days.

Pre-registration is REQUIRED as space is limited. The program is free of charge.

Youth should **dress to be outside** in clothing that may get dirty and/or wet.

Friday, February 13th, 2-4 PM

Monday, March 16th, 2-4 PM

Friday, March 20th, 2-4 PM

Friday, April 10th, 2-4 PM

Field Trips

Teachers! Looking for a new destination that will also meet State Standards and Indicators? Try the WATER Center!

**Call today to book
your trip!**



Our field trips incorporate:

- Science as Inquiry
- Investigative learning
- Life Science
- History and Nature of Science
- Science in Personal and Environmental Perspectives

Customize your field trip to include activities that meet your classroom goals.

Some options include:

- Tour of the remediation plant
- Water sampling of the creek and river
- Macro-invertebrate investigation
- Build a watershed
- Conservation activities
- Journey through the water cycle

